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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YOSHIHIRO SHIGEMORI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: KUHNS, A. R.  
SERIAL NO: 09/988,145 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 19, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1732  
FOR: PRODUCTION PROCESS OF NON- :  
FLYING PLASTIC MICROBALLOONS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.